

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Huddleston Baptist Family Services
(314) 241-4245

COMTREA Adolescent Substance Abuse Program
(636) 296-6206, Arnold, MO
or (314) 773-3670

Housing Resource Center
(314) 771-2273

Job Corps
(314) 679-0300

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
(314) 534-4200

Missouri Children's Division
(Formerly known as DFS)
Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline
1-(800) 392-3738

Missouri Division of Child
Support Enforcement
(314) 340-7400

New Beginnings Adolescent Substance Abuse Program
(314) 758-4900

Police Department
Juvenile Division
(314) 444-5327

Provident Counseling
(314) 533-8200

Public Defender's Office
(314) 340-7681 or 552-2250

St. Louis City Juvenile Detention Center
(314) 552-2194

St. Louis Public Schools,
Recruitment & Counseling Center
(314) 367-1368

Youth Emergency Services
(314) 727-6294

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Anger Management
Community Service & Restitution
Curfew Checks
Drug Court

Drug Education
Family Counseling
Individual and Group Counseling
Parenting Classes
Self-Esteem
Sexual Offender Therapy

Substance Abuse Treatment
Tutoring

GED:

S.L.A.T.E.	(314) 589-8000
Youth Build	(314) 436-1400
Youth Works (YIN)	(314) 351-5510
Covenant House	(314) 772-6530



If you need assistance or an
accommodation in order to participate
in these court services, please contact:

THE AMERICANS with
DISABILITY COORDINATOR,
JANICE KOCH

at
920 North Vandeventer Ave
St. Louis, Missouri 63108
or by telephone
VOICE (314) 552-2118
TDD (314) 531-6158

Gun Court Program

(A BARJ Unit*)



Family Court - Juvenile Division
920 North Vandeventer Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

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Monday - Friday (Except Holidays)



Dedicated to Juvenile Justice
& Maintaining Public Safety

What is Gun Court?

Gun Court is a specialized program for juveniles referred and adjudicated for gun possession and other gun, gang, or similar offenses.

What happens to a juvenile's case during the time it is in the Gun Court Program?

- ◆ *The juvenile will be appointed an attorney if he/she cannot afford one;*
- ◆ *If detained, a detention hearing will be held within 72 hours of the date of detention (excluding weekends and holidays);*
- ◆ *The juvenile's case will be assigned to a Deputy Juvenile Officer;*
- ◆ *The child and parent will meet with the Deputy Juvenile Officer to be served a summons, and to provide information for the preparation of a Social Investigation which is required by state law;*
- ◆ *Risk and Needs Assessments are completed in order to assist the Deputy Juvenile Officer with making a recommendation to the court for treatment, in the event the charges are proven;*
- ◆ *Depending on the nature of the referral, a decision could be made as to whether the juvenile should receive services in the juvenile system or be certified as an adult.*

When I meet with a Deputy Juvenile Officer, what paperwork should I bring with me?

- ◆ *Juvenile's Medicaid or insurance card;*
- ◆ *Copy of any school records, including the most recent report and IEP (Individualized Educational Plan), if available;*
- ◆ *Copy of child's birth certificate;*
- ◆ *Papers of guardianship or other court orders regarding you and the child;*
- ◆ *Name and address of any psychologist or psychiatrist who is currently or has in the past provided services to the juvenile;*
- ◆ *Verification of your income;*
- ◆ *Juvenile's Social Security number;*
- ◆ *Your Social Security number.*

As a parent, what will I be expected to do while my child's case is in the Gun Court Program?

- ◆ *You will be expected to be present at all court hearings and to bring the child if (s)he is in your physical custody;*
- ◆ *Cooperate with the Deputy Juvenile Officer by answering all questions truthfully and to the best of your ability;*
- ◆ *You will be expected to cooperate with and follow all orders issued by this court regarding you and your child.*
- ◆ *If the juvenile is adjudicated, and in accordance with the Parental Responsibility Section of the laws of the State of Missouri (Chapter 211.134 R.S.Mo.), you may be required to:*
- ◆ *Attend counseling sessions;*
- ◆ *Participate in any programs deemed appropriate.*

As a juvenile, what will I be expected to do while my case is in the Gun Court Program?

- ◆ *Obey all court orders, including the Conditional Release Order from detention;*
- ◆ *Meet with your Deputy Juvenile Officer as required by the court order or conditional release from detention;*
- ◆ *Participate in all Gun Court Programming;*
- ◆ *Keep your Deputy Juvenile Officer informed of any change in your address or telephone number;*
- ◆ *Participate in any **restorative group as deemed appropriate by your Deputy Juvenile Officer;*
- ◆ *Sanctions will be imposed each time you violate a condition of your conditional release from detention and/or the court order;*
- ◆ *Should you violate any order of this Court, you could be detained and placed with the Missouri Division of Youth Services or certified as an adult and prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system.*

*****A restorative group is an activity designed to educate the juvenile, enhance self-esteem, or otherwise motivate the juvenile to make positive changes in their behavior.***

The Safe Schools Act requires the court to notify a juvenile's school when a petition is filed alleging that the juvenile committed one of the following crimes:

**1st Degree Murder *2nd Degree Murder *Kidnapping
*1st Degree Assault *Forcible Rape *Forcible Sodomy *1st Degree Burglary *1st Degree Robbery
*Distribution of Drugs to a Minor *1st Degree Arson
*Voluntary Manslaughter *Involuntary Manslaughter
*2nd Degree Assault *Various Other Sexual Offenses
*Felony Restraint *1st Degree Property Damages
Possession of a Weapon.

As a result of this requirement, the school may take action, which could result in the juvenile being suspended or expelled from attending school.

How long does a case stay in the Gun Court Program?

- ◆ *There is no set length of time. Programs are ongoing and the sooner each juvenile completes the programs ordered by the Court, the sooner the juvenile moves toward completion of the Gun Court program.*
- ◆ *Review hearings will be held at least monthly, but can be held more frequently if warranted. The purpose of each review is to assess the juvenile's progress in completing court ordered requirements.*

***As a BARJ (Balanced and Restorative Justice) Unit, the Gun Court Program will work with juveniles in such a manner as to hold them accountable for their behavior, while protecting the community and providing them with activities which are designed to help them become a productive member of the community in which they live.**